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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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22264 U.S. PTO  
10/656177  
09/08/03

Re: Application of Dipl.-Ing Harald Michael LUTSCH, Ranko RESMAN, and  
Dalibor ZORICA  
MALE CONNECTOR WITH RETAINING ELEMENT  
**Assignee: YAZAKI EUROPE LTD.**  
Our Ref. Q76971

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising fifteen (15) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and four (4) sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>4</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$750.00

<b>TOTAL FEE</b>								<b>\$750.00</b>
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

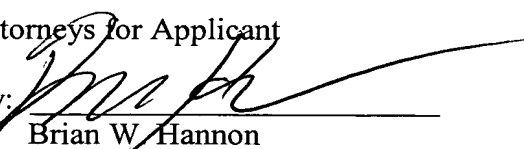
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	10248893.2	October 18, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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